



Grand Vision Growth & Investment Areas

Regional Network Meeting

Monday, September 10th, 2012: 10a.m. – 12p.m.
1209 S. Garfield Ave.– Michigan Works!

***Mission Statement:** Facilitate the growth and entrepreneurial culture of unique cities and villages that strengthen our region by encouraging business development, removing barriers, utilizing incentives, and fostering public and private improvements.*

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome & Introductions (10:00 a.m.)

Jan Kellogg	(NLEA/NWMCOG)	Hugh Campbell	(Village of Ellsworth)
Cheryl Werth	(Village of Elk Rapids Harbor)	Mary Faculak	(East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce)
Joe Meyers	(Antrim County)	Patty Coffey	(Village of Kalkaska)
Marla Martin	(Rotary Charities)	Penny Hill	(Village of Kalkaska)
Justin Sterk	(Rotary Charities)	Bob Carstens	(Acme Twp. PC)
Marc McKellar	(GT Road Commission)	Kurt Schindler	(MSU-E)
Debbie Stanton	(Village of Mesick)	Wally Delamater	(Village of Suttons Bay)
Blake Smith	(USDA Rural Development)	Paul Skinner	(Village of Empire)
Virginia Tegel	(Acme Twp.)	Kathy Egan	(Suttons Bay/Bingham Twp.)
Tom Emling	(MSU North)	Jim Lively	(MLUI)

II. UPDATE - Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (10:15 a.m.)

- Community action updates are taking place starting this week:
<http://www.thegrandvision.org/communityactionupdates>
These events will be in person, and not by satellite. There will be a recap of community growth grants and an announcement of next year's recipients and this year's grand visionary awards.

III. Growth & Investment area recap (10:30 a.m.)

- This is one of the most action oriented, impactful groups involved in the Grand Vision. Citizens want to see existing area with infrastructure identified as G&I areas. Placemaking summit is an example of success for this network. This region is leading the state on the Placemaking initiative. We've completed 2 summits, provided a guide. With the assistance of the G&I network, we will be identifying commercial corridors within identified growth and investment areas. This information will be incorporated into the Grand Action plan
- Need for intergovernmental cooperation is high on the Governor's list. The region must lead initiatives and cooperate with the state to write policy instead of waiting to rely on the state to pass down legislation.



IV. Community Updates, Sharing, and Public Comment (11:45 a.m.)

- A. 2012 Community Growth Grant updates – Scott Gest
 - 17 applications were received and reviewed on Sept. 19th.
- B. Education workshops on Historic Preservation and Placemaking
 - 3 locations (Manistee, TC, and Petoskey)
- C. Updates
 - Ellsworth – has the largest outdoor public archery range. Farmers market is being promoted.
 - Empire – 2010 growth grantee recipient - broke even on the wifi infrastructure. 1200 unique users a day. A private donor is investing \$20k into the system to increase accessibility.
 - East Jordan – the Einstein series bicycle racing event in October.
 - Kalkaska – waiting to get specifications for signage to get production for signs and up by the of the month.

V. Adjourn (12:00 p.m.)

This meeting is open to all who wish to attend. If you are planning to attend and have a disability requiring any special assistance at the meeting, please notify the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments – Matt McCauley (231-929-5061/E-mail at mccauley@nwm.cog.mi.us)